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FOLLOWING FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL'S PRESS CONFERENCE

MORNING OF OCT 30 ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF

CRUDE OIL TO NETHERLANDS (REFTEL), ECONOMICS MINISTER LUBBERS

HELD CONFERENCE IN AFTERNOON ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AS RESULT

OF BOYCOTT. POINTS MADE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. BOYCOTT WILL NECESSARILY AFFECT OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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SINCE 45 PERCENT OF IMPORTED CRUDE IS RE-EXPORTED AND LARGE

QUANTITIES OF REFINED PRODUCTS ARE EXPORTED TO SUCH COUNTRIES. GON HAS ADOPTED LICENSING SYSTEM FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT OIL PRODUCTS. LICENSES FOR EXPORTS TO EC COUNTRIES WILL BE AUTOMATIC, BUT CONTROLS WILL BE EXERCISED TO OTHER DESTINATIONS TO PROTECT PRESENT STOCKS. LICENSING CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITH OTHER EC COUNTRIES.

B. PREPARATORY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN UNDER 1939 RATIONING LAW. DECREE ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE PUBLISHED FOLLOWING DAY AND LAW SOON PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT TO CONFIRM DECREE. RATIONING WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR CRUDE OIL, SEMI-MANUFACTURED AND FINISHED PRODUCTS AND THEIR COMPONENTS.

C. PETROLEUM INDUSTRY MUST TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE DISTRIBUTION OF KEROSENE, HEATING AND FUEL OIL BY ABOUT 10 PERCENT.

D. DRIVING ON SUNDAYS BY AUTO, MOTORCYCLE OR PLEASURE BOAT WILL BE PROHIBITED STARTING NOV 4, APPLYING ON SUNDAYS FROM MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT. EXEMPTIONS INCLUDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORT OF INVALIDS, TAXIS, MOTORBIKES, AND BUSES DRIVEN FOR SPORTING EVENTS. GOVT REALIZES THAT CHOOSING SUNDAYS IS ARBITRARY AND WILL CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

E. GOVT REQUESTS VOLUNTARY SPEED LIMIT OF 100 KPH (62 MPH) AND MORE CAREFUL USE OF AUTOS. MORE DISCRIMINATE USE OF HOUSEHOLD HEATING AND OF OTHER FUEL SUCH AS NATURAL GAS IS REQUESTED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN FUEL FOR ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY. VOLUNTARY MEASURES ARE TO AVOID SERIOUS CRISIS, BUT RATIONING PLAN WILL BE READY FOR USE IF NECESSARY.

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